

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT



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ARCH-ROOFED  
STORAGE BUILDINGS  
AT DZERZHINSK  
AMMUNITION DEPOT WEST  
USSR

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## ARCH-ROOFED STORAGE BUILDINGS AT DZERZHINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT WEST, USSR

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Two arch-roofed storage buildings have been constructed and 3 are under construction at the Dzerzhinsk Ammunition Depot West located 8 nautical miles (nm) west of Dzerzhinsk, USSR, at 56-16N 43-16E (Figure 1).

installation. The double fence provides security; dense vegetation throughout the site protects the buildings against blast effects and from ground observation. A large support area contains administration, housing, and storage facilities for the depot.

### DESCRIPTION OF DEPOT

This double-fenced depot occupies approximately 1,800 acres and contains more than 100 storage buildings, at least 17 storage tanks, a munitions loading area, and an area of arch-roofed buildings (Figures 2 and 3). It is served by a spur from the Kovrov-Gorkiy rail line which branches into a network of sidings within the

### DESCRIPTION OF ARCH-ROOFED BUILDINGS

Two arch-roofed buildings, each measuring 295 by 110 feet (including earth covering), have been completed. One building has a drive-through capability; the other has a drive-in capability only (Figures 3 and 4). The footings for 3 more arch-roofed buildings are visible and they measure 235 by 35 feet. These buildings are at

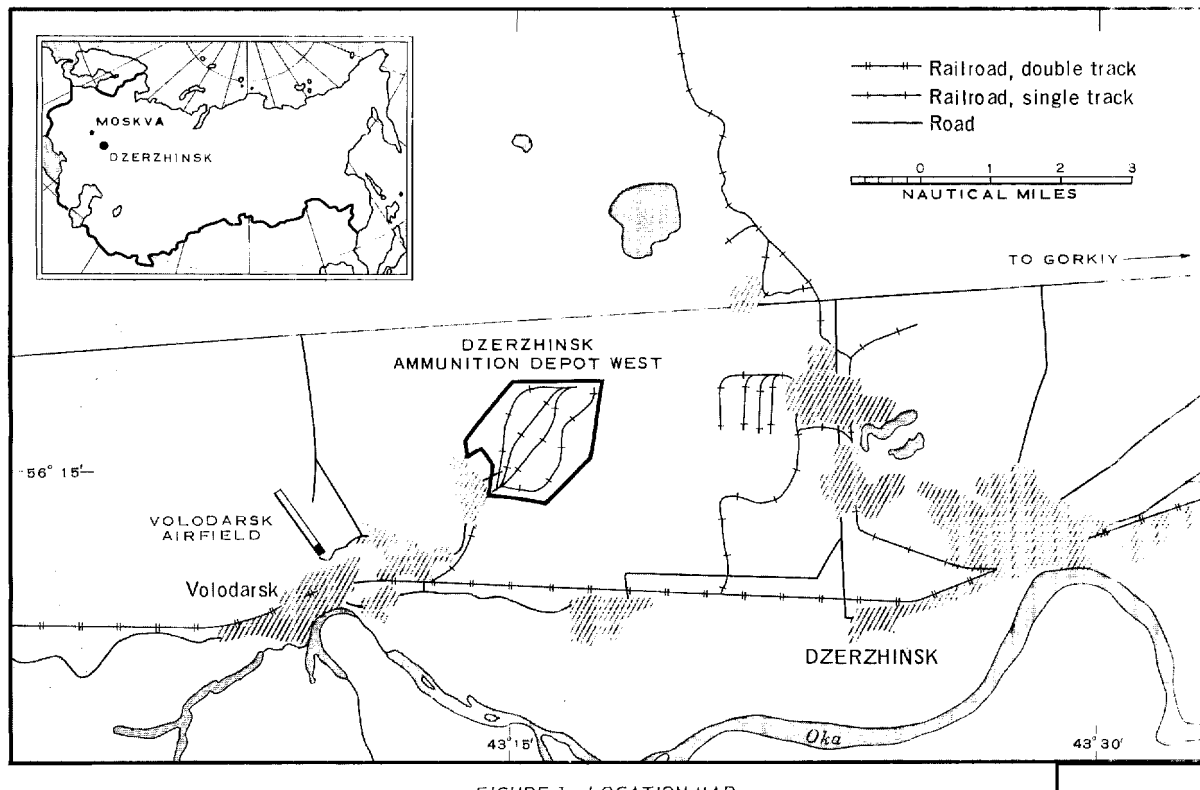


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP.

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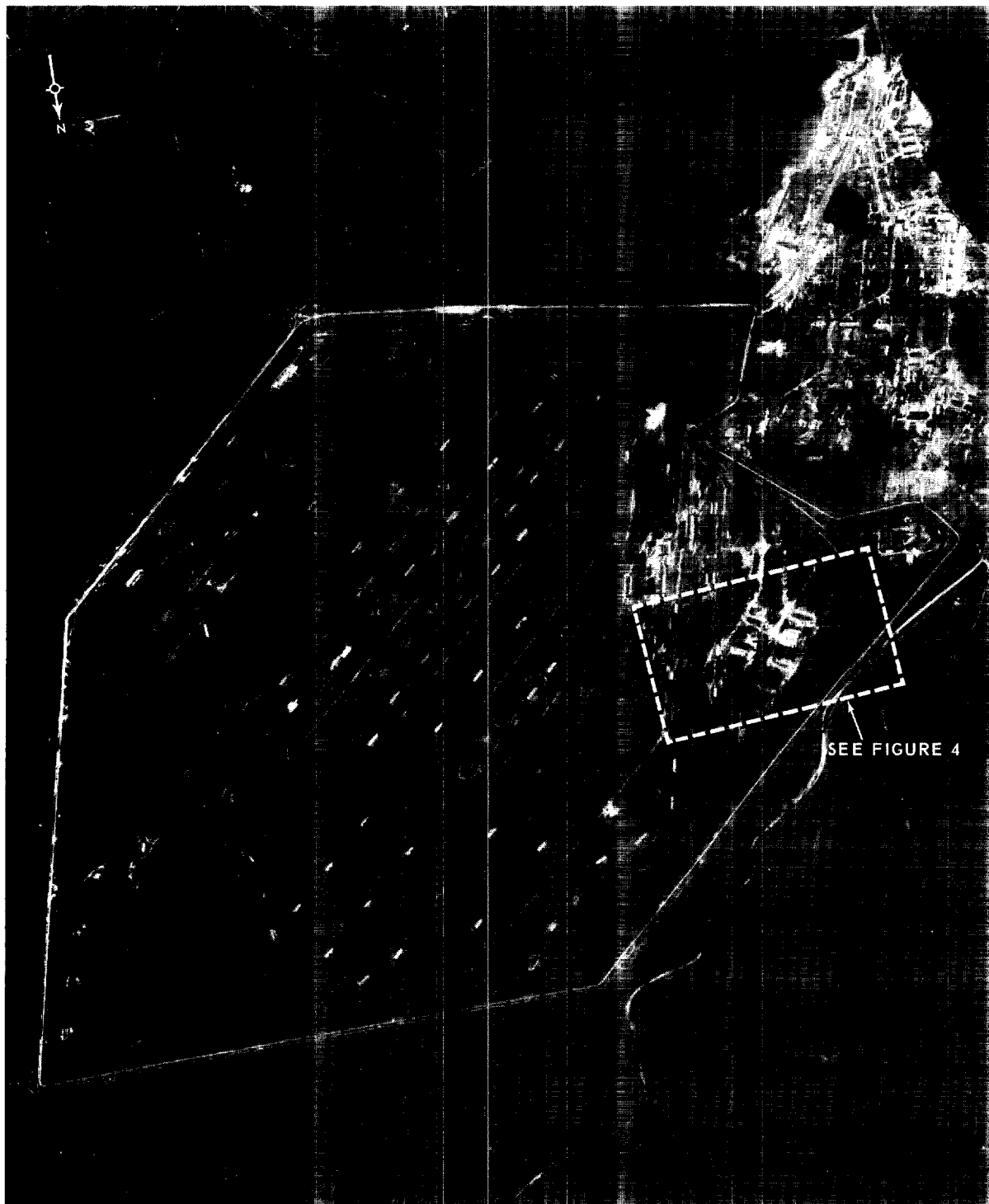


FIGURE 2. DZERZHINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT WEST, USSR. [REDACTED] Detail of the outlined area is shown in Figure 4.

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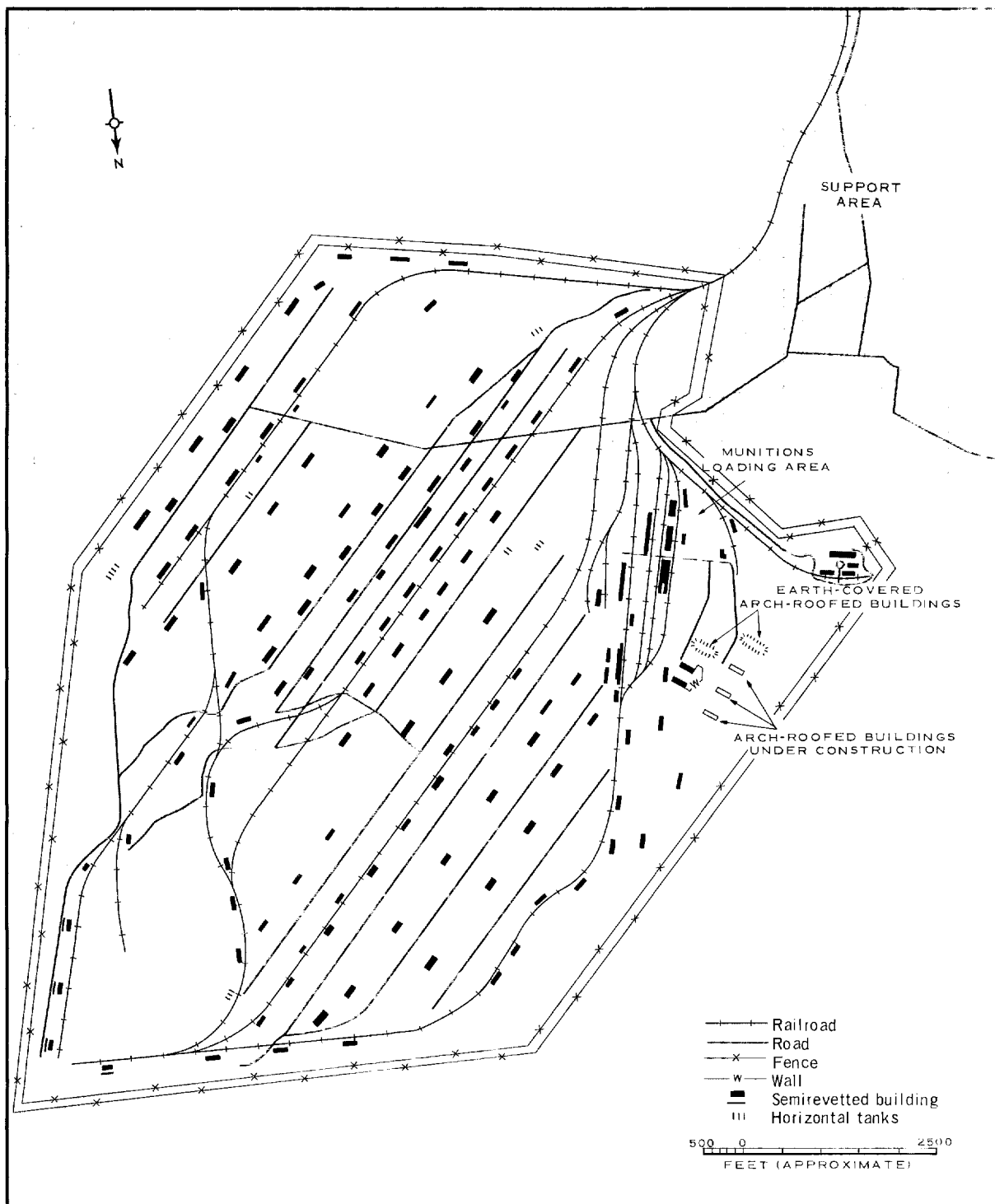


FIGURE 3. LAYOUT OF DEPOT.

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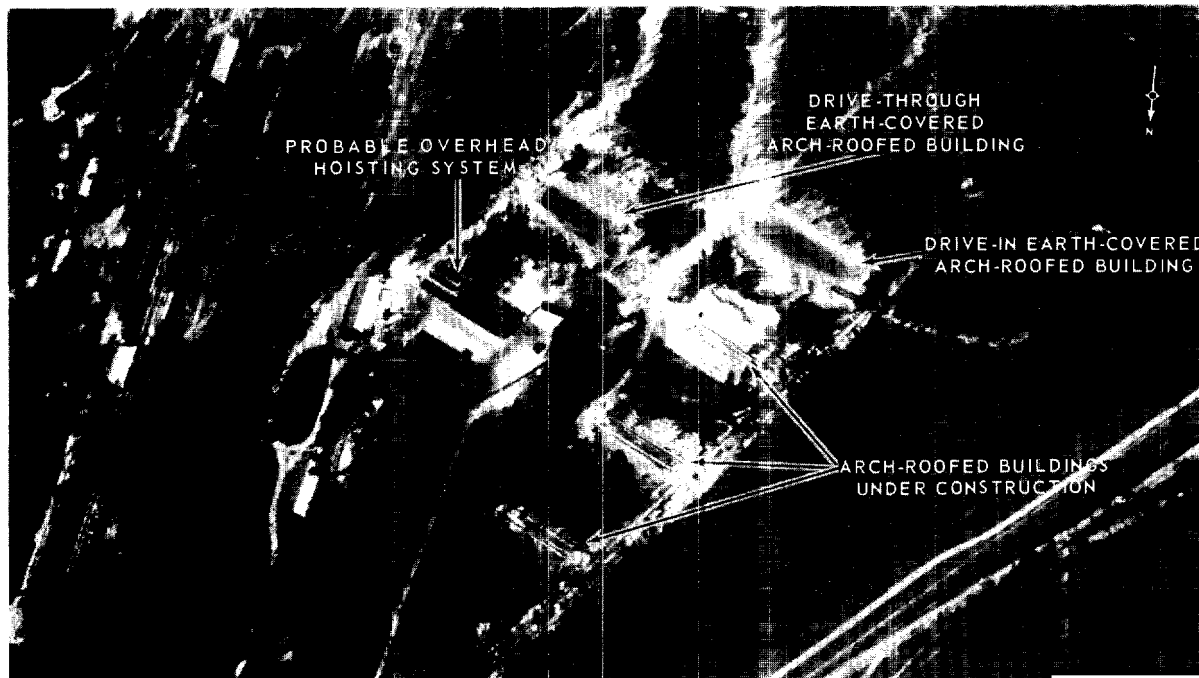


FIGURE 4. DETAIL OF THE AREA OUTLINED IN FIGURE 2.

least 250 feet from any other building or structure. They are similar to other arch-roofed buildings which have been constructed at numerous storage sites in the USSR. 1/

Two gable-roofed buildings, each measuring 160 by 60 feet, are located near the arch-roofed buildings; one of the buildings has a probable overhead hoisting system. Although the buildings may be associated with the arch-roofed buildings, they were present in [redacted]

#### CHRONOLOGY

The arch-roofed buildings were not observed on [redacted] photography, but two ap-

peared complete on [redacted] photography and footings for 3 more were visible on [redacted] photography.

#### INSTALLATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF DEPOT

The proximity of the depot to Gorkiy, 20 nm to the west, places almost every type of military and industrial facility within a 25-nm radius of the depot and precludes the possibility of determining any association between the facilities and the kind of storage in the arch-roofed buildings.

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